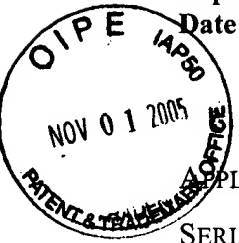


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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

This Response and Amendment is submitted in response to the non-final Office Action mailed May 3, 2005 in the above-identified patent application. With a three-month extension of time, these documents are due on or before November 3, 2005. Applicants submit herewith a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time, along with the appropriate fee. Thus, Applicants believe no additional fees are due in connection with this filing. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 23239-301C.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.